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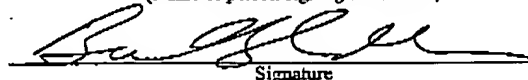
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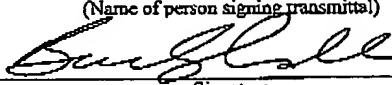
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.